

REMARKS

Claims 21-25, 29 and 30 were examined and reported in the Office Action. Claims 22-25, 29 and 30 are rejected. Claim 21 is allowed. Claims 22-25, 29 and 30 are amended. Claims 21-25, 29 and 30 remain.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 112

It is asserted in the Office Action that claims 22-25, 29 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended claims 22-25, 29 and 30 to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejections.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejections for claims 22-25, 29 and 30 are respectfully requested.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's assertion that claim 21 is allowed and that claims 22-25, 29 and 30 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in the Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claims 22-25, 29 and 30 to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejections.

Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 21-25, 29 and 30, as they now stand, are allowable for the reasons given above.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 22-25, 29 and 30 patentably define the subject invention over the cited references of record, and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would be useful in moving the case forward, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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